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1. The examination of the ship was conducted in a thorough manner and with the same procedure as at Constanta. With the exception of the passengers all members on board the ship were issued landing permits. Through the local representative, a message was sent to Sofia requesting landing permits for the passengers. After two days a reply was received which denied the request with the statement that passengers must have a visa to be permitted to go ashore. 25X1

2. In order to enter the city one was required to pass through a control station which was situated at the western corner of the North Quay. A number was assigned to each man on board and at the time of leaving the area or ship, his particular number card was placed higher on a board to indicate immediately how many and which members of the crew were ashore. The ship's officers were not checked as they passed through the control station. The pockets of the seamen were searched by the guards. The crew members were permitted freedom of movement inside the city.

3. There was considerable restaurant life in the city. North of the harbor is located a bathing beach with a large restaurant. Also, there is a park with three restaurants. The normal diet at the restaurant was bread and vegetables, with beer for a beverage. It is possible to get fish and meat but it is very expensive. A modest meal plus a bottle of wine for two persons costs 56 levas.

4. [redacted] one kilogram of fish cost 14 levas and one pair of shoes 280 levas. 25X1

5. [redacted] life is much more free in Burgas than in Constanta. The population was of lighter spirit and the harbor workers were producing more and better work. The harbor workers received 20-25 levas per day. The women who operated the cranes received 25 levas daily. All were paid double for overtime work. 25X1

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6. Black market activities flourish in the city. The youth is particularly engaged in this activity. They are particularly interested in articles of clothing, neckties, nylon stockings, soap, etc. A number of the seamen attempted to smuggle soap ashore but were caught by the guards. No photographs or postcards of the city or the harbor were available for purchase.
7. The shipping representative came on board the ship alone. The wharf foreman did the same. On one occasion the harbor master together with a man "from Sofia" came on board. [redacted] 25X1
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8. The shipping office is situated outside the harbor area. [redacted] 25X1
all employees at the shipping office were employed on a definite wage basis. Military personnel were much in evidence in the city. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] they were Bulgarians for the most part, with a few Soviets seen 25X1
on occasion.

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